

**Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District** [www.fightthebite.net](http://www.fightthebite.net) **NEWS RELEASE**

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**MOSQUITO CONTROL AND THE SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS HOST  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FIGHT THE BITE NIGHT**

**ELK GROVE, Calif.**, August 5, 2006 – The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District and the Sacramento River Cats have joined forces to further educate and inform the public about mosquitoes and West Nile virus.

**Location:** Raley Field | 400 Ballpark Drive | West Sacramento

**When:** Saturday, August 5, 2006

**Time:** 7:05 P.M. (Gates Open 6:00 P.M.)

**7Ds.**

**DRAIN** any standing water that may produce mosquitoes. **DAWN** and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors. These are the times when mosquitoes are most active. **DRESS** appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside. **DEFEND** yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Make sure you follow label directions! **DOOR** and window screens should be in good working condition. This will prevent mosquitoes from entering your home. **DISTRICT** personnel are also available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling 1-800-429-1022 or visit the District online at [FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://FIGHTtheBITE.net).

**West Nile virus**

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), West Nile virus (WNV) is the leading cause of arboviral encephalitis in the United States. Originally discovered in Africa in 1937, WNV was first detected in the western hemisphere in 1999 in New York City. Since then it has caused seasonal epidemics of West Nile virus fever and severe neurological disease. West Nile virus is transmitted to humans and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected with WNV when they feed on infected birds. The elderly, immune-compromised and diabetics are most susceptible to illness caused by WNV.

**West Nile virus activity for Sacramento and Yolo Counties:** This year, **26** dead birds, **56** mosquito samples, **6** sentinel chickens (presence of antibodies), **0** equines and **4** humans have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

**To report a dead bird** call 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or visit the California Department of Health Services online at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov)

The District is at **LEVEL 5** of their response plan, for details visit us online at <http://www.fightthebite.net/mediacorner/plan.php>

The **Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District** provides mosquito and vector control services for Sacramento and Yolo Counties.

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